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Letter dated 12 December 1995 from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 4 December 1995 regarding the request of the General Assembly addressed to the Fifth Committee to provide technical observations on the implementation of draft resolution A/50/L.44, entitled "Normalization of the situation concerning South Africa".

At its 37th meeting, on 6 December 1995, the Fifth Committee was presented with an informal note dated 5 December 1995, in which the Secretariat outlined the way in which, from an accounting point of view, this draft resolution could be implemented. The Committee subsequently referred the issue to informal consultations for further discussion.

At its 39th meeting, on 12 December 1995, the Fifth Committee, having considered the above-mentioned informal note, statements made by various delegations and the agreement reached during the informal consultations, authorized me to inform you that, with a view to its implementation from a technical point of view, the resolution should contain the following operative paragraphs:

"1. Accepts, owing to these exceptional and unique circumstances, South Africa's request not to pay its contributions for the period from 30 September 1974 to 23 June 1994, and decides that the consequent burden for the Organization shall be borne by Member States pursuant to Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations and the provisions of the present resolution;

"2. Welcomes and endorses the statement of South Africa to waive any credits it would receive in the amount of $549,606, and $737,142 from

budgetary surpluses retained in the regular budget and the peace-keeping special accounts respectively for the period from 30 September 1974 to 23 June 1994;

"3. Decides to reduce the net amount of $122,238,000, available as credits to Member States, arising from the implementation of resolutions 2947 A and B (XXVII) of 8 December 1972, 36/116 B of 10 December 1981, 40/241 B of 18 December 1985 and 42/216 of 21 December 1987, by $53,881,711 and to waive the share of the credits in the amount of $53,332,105 among other Member States on the basis of the respective scale of assessments contained in resolutions 34/6 A of 25 October 1979, 37/125 A of 17 December 1982 and 40/248 of 18 December 1985, in order to account for the reduction in outstanding contributions resulting from paragraph 1 above;

"4. Decides to reduce the amount of $173,392,935, available as credits to Member States, arising from the implementation of resolutions 33/13 E of 14 December 1978, 34/7 D and 34/9 E of 17 December 1979, 35/45 B of 1 December 1980, 35/115 B of 10 December 1980, 36/66 B of 30 November 1981, 36/138 B of 16 December 1981, 37/38 B of 30 November 1982, 37/127 B of 17 December 1982, 38/35 B of 1 December 1983, 38/38 B of 5 December 1983, 39/28 B of 30 November 1984, 39/71 B of 13 December 1984, 40/59 B of 2 December 1985, 40/246 B of 18 December 1985, 41/44 B of 3 December 1986, 41/179 B of 5 December 1986, 42/70 B of 3 December 1987, 42/223 of 21 December 1987, 43/228 and 43/229 of 21 December 1988, 44/187 and 44/188 of 21 December 1989, 46/194 of 20 December 1991, 47/204 and 47/205 of 22 December 1992 and 49/226 of 23 December 1994, by $40,905,714 and to waive the share of credits in the amount of $40,168,572 among other Member States on the basis of the respective scale of assessments for the period in which the surpluses arose, in order to account for the reduction in outstanding contributions resulting from paragraph 1 above."

(Signed) Erich VILCHEZ ASHER
Chairman of the Fifth Committee
of the General Assembly